

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 6, and 7 have been amended. Support for the claim amendments can be located in the specification of the present invention, at page 8, line 26 – page 9, line 7. New claim 8 has been added.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6, and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,146,552 (Cassorla) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,561,446 (Montlick).

Cassorla is directed to allowing a writer or an editor of an electronic document to add marks so that document elements such as chapter, section, subsection, paragraph and drawings can be identified. The reference also discusses a configuration in which a reader can add a pinpoint annotation at a specific line or word. More specifically, a user can specify where in a document to insert a bookmark and/or highlight by specifying a position to insert using a pointing device such as a mouse. Further, it discloses that the line number, writer identification, date information and the like are added to a text and are stored in a file or partition of a file on a host system.

Montlick is directed to a method and system for wireless remote information retrieval and pen-based data entry including a central computer system having a relatively large storage capacity and/or access to relatively large storage devices. According to Montlick, one or more portable pen-based computers are provided with wireless communication capability for connecting with a central computer system through the wireless network. The central computer system is provided with software for accessing a plurality of digitally stored forms and transmitting those forms to the pen-based computers in response to selection requests from the pen-based computers.

In the present invention, a link searching means operates with the timing of when the contents of the web page being displayed by the browsing means change, and a search is made to determine whether the URL of the displayed page is among the URL's recorded by the handwriting pen-track storage means. When there is a URL among the URL's stored in the internal storage means by the handwriting pen-track storage means that matches the URL of the page being displayed, that URL and its associated pen-track data are read out from the internal storage means, merged with the web page through the handwriting pen-track display means and displayed. See specification of the present invention, page 8, line 26 – page 9, line 7.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1, for example, is patentable over the references, as neither Cassorla nor Montlick, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests, "a browsing part reading a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of a displayed web page and its associated pen-track data from storage and merging with said displayed web page when said URL is among URL's stored in said storage," as recited in claim 1, for example.

Although Cassorla discloses that annotations are attached to an electronic document, Cassorla fails to disclose or suggest reading a URL of a displayed web page and its associated pen-track data from storage and merging in the manner identified in the present invention when the URL is among URL's stored in storage. In further contrast to the present invention, Cassorla does not check to determine whether the current URL is a URL stored in storage. Simply displaying a document with an attachment of annotations is not tantamount to or related to the present invention's operation.

Cassorla does not determine whether a URL of a displayed page exists among stored URL's to determine associated annotations, as in Cassorla, the user has added the annotations to the various paragraphs. See Cassorla, column 9, lines 54-56.

As Montlick does not add any relevant information to Cassorla, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 6, and 7 are patentable over the references, as neither Montlick nor Cassorla, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests the above-identified feature of the present invention.

As dependent claims 2-5 depend from independent claim 1, the dependent claims are patentable over the references for at least the reasons presented for the independent claims. As new claim 8 recites language similar to that of independent claim 1, for example, claim 8 is patentable over the references for at least the reasons presented for claim 1.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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